GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:639
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
MEDICAL FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS TRAINS
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide medical facilities at all the railway stations and in the running trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 639 BY SHRI RA KALIDAS VARMA TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.5.2002 REGARDING MEDICAL FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS/TRAINS.

(a) to (d) : In order to provide emergency medical aid to railway passengers, First Aid Boxes have been provided in all stations and with guards of all passenger trains. Staff of stations and guards are imparted training in rendering first aid. Further, augmented First Aid Boxes with a wider range of medicines and equipment have been provided for the benefit of the travelling public at nominated larger stations and nominated long distance trains. Initially 162 pairs of long distance trains with limited halts were selected for provision of these boxes, out of which 30 pairs of long distance trains, all Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and 156 `A` class stations were identified for implementation in the first phase. Twenty-nine (29) long distance trains, 14 pairs of Rajdhani Express/ 13 pairs of Shatabdi Express trains and 150 `A` class stations have already been provided with augmented First Aid Boxes.In order to supplement above efforts, a compiled list of medical facilities near railway stations with particulars are displayed in the Station Superintendent/Deputy Station Superintendent`s office.Particulars such as name of hospital, nursing home, names of doctors with telephone number/numbers, distance of each facility from the station, details regarding facilities provided etc. are provided. The above information will be helpful to the travelling public at times of urgent need and also during unfortunate incidence of passenger train accidents.

Further during medical emergencies, Station staff are authorised to summon a railway medical officer `on call` to attend on the needy person/persons.

The facility for providing augmented First Aid Boxes will be completed by July, 2003.